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In one phase of the cold war with Russia, we are at a distinct disadvantage. Our intelligence service must probe long and hard to get vital information out of Russia. But through our information services, we furnish the Russians with many important military facts.

Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was interviewed by U. S. News and World Report, Washington weekly, on the subject of our security laxity. His comments reveal that we are leaking vital secrets to the Russians through sheer negligence.

He pointed out that our scientific and technical journals regularly publish important facts that could be invaluable to Russia. "I would give a good deal," he said, "if I could know as much about the Soviet Union as the Soviet Union can learn about us by merely reading the press."

He further said that one of the toughest jobs ever faced by our intelligence agents is getting good information from behind the Iron Curtain. Our intelligence activity in Germany during World War II was, he said, "a pipe dream compared with what we have to meet now."

EXAMPLES OF THE PUBLICATION OF improper material can be seen almost every day. The recently reported hydrogen blast in our Pacific testing grounds has been given wide publicity. Figures giving the force of the explosion and the range of destruction are readily available to anyone. As a contrast, we have heard little or nothing about Russia's hydrogen weapons, aside from reports that they do exist.

And a curious security regulation recently came to light. Newsmen were barred from inspecting the cockpit of the captured Russian MIG-15. The theory was that the Russians shouldn't know how much we know about their planes. But at the same time, reporters were allowed to inspect the cockpit of our new supersonic fighter, the F-100, which the Russians presumably know little or nothing about.

While it is inevitable that in our society information is more readily available than in Russia's, there should be a point where the dangers of security outweigh the value of a well-informed public.

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